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ANNUAL REPORTS
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Town Officers.

Moderator,

JOSEPH C. A. WINGATE.

Town Clerk,

ALBERT C. LANE.

Selectmen,

MARK G. ROBERTS, JOSEPH T. SMART,
EMMONS B. CHASE.

Treasurer,

ALBERT C. LANE.

Collector of Taxes,

J. FRED EMERY.

Highway Agents,

CHARLES J. BREWSTER, LOREN H. THOMPSON,
HORACE J. WILLEY.

Board of Education,

GEORGE A. WIGGIN, HERBERT S. BARNARD,
JOSEPHINE JEWELL.

Library Trustees,

RICHARD M. SCAMMON, FREDERICK A. CAVERLY,
GEORGE E. GOWEN.

Auditors,

RICHARD M. SCAMMON, JOHN N. THOMPSON.

Supervisors,

GILBERT A. THOMPSON, CHARLES E. WIGGIN,
WILLARD G. PARKMAN.

Selectmen's Report.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount of money raised and appropriated for the year 1896 :

County tax,	\$1,270 56
State tax,	1,205 00
School tax,	1,205 00
Highway tax,	1,060 87
School-house repairs,	150 00
Library tax,	72 30
	<hr/> \$4,963 73

VALUATION.

Polls, 150,	\$15,000
Improved and unimproved land and buildings,	330,108
Horses, 271,	13,635
Asses, 1,	20
Oxen; 14,	875
Cows, 490,	12,485
Other neat stock, 1,	20
Sheep, 109,	274
Carriages, 11,	700
Stock in banks and other corporations in this state,	7,519
Stock in corporations out of the state,	10,500
Money on hand, at interest, or on deposit,	27,034
Stock in trade,	3,150
Mills,	3,027
Total,	<hr/> \$424,347

Town rate of taxation on \$100, \$1.22.

District rate of taxation on \$100, .33

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS, FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

George W. Dixon, note, 4 per cent,	\$500 00
Estimated outstanding bills,	100 00
	<hr/> \$600 00

MEANS OF PAYMENT.

Uncollected taxes, 1896,	\$147 24
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	615 05
	<hr/> \$762 29
Balance in favor of town,	<hr/> \$162 29

MARK G. ROBERTS,	} Selectmen of Stratham.
J. T. SMART,	
E. B. CHASE,	

Itemized Bills.

		Town of Stratham to MARK G. ROBERTS, DR.	
Mar.	11,	to writing Treasurer's, Collector's, and Highway Agent's bonds and delivering the same,	\$2 00
	14,	to attending jury meeting,	50
	16,	to evening session,	50
		to going to Junction after express package,	50
	17 and 18,	to preparing and distributing inventory blanks,	4 00
		to quarantining measles,	50
	26,	to posting notice of Selectmen's meeting,	50
	27,	to inspecting diseased cattle, and notifying State Board of Cattle Commissioners,	1 00
	28,	to going to Mr. Whitcomb's,	50
April	3 and 4,	to taking inventory,	4 00
	4,	to evening session,	50
		to writing two orders for a hearing on petitions for widening the highway,	1 00
	15,	to receiving inventory blanks,	2 00
	16 and 17,	to making assessment,	4 00
	18,	to evening session,	50
	24,	to attending hearing and widening the highway,	1 00
	25,	to making return for widening the highway at sawmill and Keniston place,	1 00
	29,	to Mrs. Veasey's and Henry Lane's,	1 00
May	2,	to evening session,	50
		to making taxes and recording the same,	10 00
		to making out Collector's book,	3 00
	23,	to evening session,	50
	26,	to Mr. Chase's and Mr. Smart's on town business,	1 00
June	1,	to attending tax sale and notifying mortgagees of sale,	2 00
	6,	to evening session,	50
	10,	to going to Exeter on town business,	1 00

July	11, to evening session,	\$0 50
August	1, " "	50
Sept.	5, " "	50
	8, one half day at cemetery,	1 00
Oct.	3, to evening session,	50
Nov.	7, " "	50
	to settling with State Treasurer,	1 00
Dec.	5, to evening session,	50

1897.

Jan.	12, to communicating with secretary of State Board of Cattle Commissioners,	50
	22, to settling with the County,	1 00
Feb.	6, to evening session,	50
	8, to appraising condemned cattle,	1 00
	10, to Exeter on town business,	1 00
	12, to one day in session,	2 00
	15, to one day auditing,	2 00

\$56 50

Town of Stratham to JOSEPH T. SMART, DR.

1896.

March	14, attending jury meeting,	\$0 50
	16, evening session,	50
	17, one day session,	2 00
April	2, " taking inventory,	2 00
	4, evening session,	50
	6, one day taking inventory,	2 00
	7, " "	2 00
	15, " receiving inventory blanks,	2 00
	16, " making assessments,	2 00
	17, " "	2 00
	18, evening session,	50
	21, notifying Will L. Barker to appear at Court in Smith case,	1 00
	21, Will L. Barker's fees to Court,	2 09
	24, Attending hearing and widening highway,	1 00
May	2, evening session,	50
	23, " "	50

June	6,	evening session,	\$0 50
July	11,	" "	50
Aug.	1,	" "	50
Sept.	5,	" "	50
	8,	to Frank Brewster's and Mr. Roberts',	50
	8,	at cemetery with Mr. Roberts,	1 00
Oct.	1,	" " Mr. Otis and Mr. Paul,	1 00
	3,	evening session,	50
Nov.	7,	" "	50
Dec.	5,	" "	50
1897.			
Jan.	2,	to Mr. Roberts',	50
	2,	evening session,	50
	8,	to Otis B. French's, examining cows,	50
Feb.	6,	evening session,	50
	12,	one day in session,	2 00
	15,	" "	2 00
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			\$33 09

Town of Stratham to E. B. CHASE, DR.

1896.			
March	14,	To jury meeting,	\$0 50
	16,	evening session,	50
	17-18,	preparing and distributing inventory blanks,	4 00
April	2, 3, 4, 6 and 7,	To taking inventory,	10 00
	4,	To evening in session,	50
	15,	receiving inventory blanks,	2 00
	16-17,	making assessments,	4 00
	18,	evening in session,	50
	24,	one-half day widening roads,	1 00
May	2,	evening in session,	50
	23,	" "	50
June	6,	" "	50
July	11,	" "	50
Aug.	1,	" "	50
Sept.	5,	" "	50
Oct.	3,	jury drawing,	50

Oct.	30,	To taking Edward P. Carlton to County Farm,	\$2 00
Nov.	7,	evening in session,	50
Dec.	5,	" "	50
1897.			
Jan.	2,	" "	50
Feb.	6,	" "	50
	8,	Otis French, on account of diseased cattle,	1 00
	13,	one day in session,	2 00
	15,	" auditing,	2 00
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			\$35 50

Town of Stratham to GEO. A. WIGGIN, DR.

For services as member of Board of Education :

1896.			
Feb.	1,	to writing school reports,	\$3 00
		to writing warrants,	1 00
		to preparing check-list,	50
	19,	to Wingate's and Barnard's to get check-list signed and posting same,	50
	28,	to one half day in session, revising check-list,	75
March	4,	" " "	75
	6,	" " "	75
	24,	to Greenland for man to repair blackboards,	75
	28,	to one half day in session,	75
April	7,	to all schools on account of supplies,	75
	10,	" with supplies,	75
	13,	to Rockingham Junction for supplies,	50
	14,	to visiting all schools,	2 00
	18,	to Rockingham Junction for supplies,	50
	20,	to all schools with supplies,	75
	25,	to one half day in session,	75
May	4,	to Div. 3 with supplies,	50
	13,	to all schools with notifications of Institute, per order of Supt. Pub. Ins.,	75
	18,	to visiting all schools,	2 00
June	6,	to one half day in session,	75
	9,	to visiting all schools,	2 00

June	25, to one half day in session,	\$0 50
Aug.	, to making report to Supt. Pub. Ins.,	2 00
Sept.	1, to all schools on account of supplies,	75
	3, to all schools with supplies,	75
	4, to Rockingham Junction for supplies,	50
	14, to visiting all schools,	2 00
	18, to all schools with supplies,	75
Oct.	1, to Div. 3, on account of pump and supplies,	75
	10, to Rockingham Junction for supplies,	50
	15, to all schools, per order of Supt. Pub. Ins.,	75
	26, to Div. 4, on account of repairs,	75
Nov.	3, to Div. 4, on account opening school,	75
	6, to visiting school in Div. 1,	75
	7, to Barnard's and Jewell's on account of calling meeting,	50
	7, to one evening in session,	50
	16, to visiting schools in Divs. 2 and 3,	1 50
	18, to Div. 1, on account of grading,	50
	23, to Divs. 1, 2, 3 and 4, on account of supplies and repairs,	1 00
	24, to Rockingham Junction for supplies,	50
	28, to one half day in session,	50
Dec.	1, to Newmarket for teacher,	1 00
	2, to Divs. 3 and 1 with supplies,	75
	4, to Div. 1, " "	75
	8, to one half day in session,	50
	17, to visiting Divs. 1 and 2,	1 50
	18, to visiting Div. 3,	75
	21, to North Hampton for teacher,	1 00
1897.		
Jan.	8, to all schools, on account of supplies,	75
	18, to all schools with supplies,	75
	16, to Junction for books,	50
	20, to visiting Divs. 2 and 4,	1 50
	22, to visiting Divs. 1 and 3,	1 50
Feb.	5, to Div. 1, with supplies,	50
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		\$49 00

Town of Stratham, to HERBERT S. BARNARD, DR.

For services as member of Board of Education :

1895.			
March	To afternoon session,	\$0	75
April 17,	evening “		75
1896.			
Feb. 28,	To session to revise check lists,		75
March 4,	“ “		75
	6, one-half day in session,		75
	6, Mr. Barrett's, in regard to carrying school children,		50
	7, Mr. Leavitt's, on account of repairs,		50
	16, writing and posting bids for school wood,		50
	18, Exeter to get bids printed,		75
	28, one-half day in session,		75
	30, Division 1 on account of repairs,		50
	31, Exeter to have notices printed,		75
April 2,	“ get “		75
	4, Mr. Barrett's, on account of carrying school children,		50
	7, Mrs. Livingstone's,		50
	8, Mrs. Kelley's,		50
	10, Division 2, on account of truants,		50
	11, Division 1, “ repairs,		50
	24, enumeration of school children,	2	00
	25, “ “	2	00
	27, “ “	2	00
	30, Division 1, on account of repairs,		50
May 6,	Mr. Cooper's,		50
June 1,	one-half day in session,		75
July 25,	“ “		75
Aug. 28,	Mr. Barrett's,		50
	29, Miss Gowen and Mr. Piper's,		50
	19, Division 3, on account of repairs,		50
Nov. 7,	evening session,		75
Dec. 10,	one-half day in session,		75
	services as Secretary of School Board,	2	00
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			\$23 25

Town of Stratham to LIBRARY TRUSTEES, DR.

Library Supplies.

To 900 card pockets,	\$4 55
1200 ruled slips,	2 90
600 pocket covers,	1 15
800 rules and regulations,	1 45
500 cards,	2 25
500 registration slips,	1 25
50 shelf list sheets,	38
gummed labels,	40
rubber stamp with pad,	75
accession book,	1 75
freight on books,	25
express on supplies and books,	55
stamps and stationery,	40
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	\$18 03

F. A. CAVERLY, } Library
R. M. SCAMMON, } Trustees.

Collector's Report.

Account of Collector J. FRED EMERY.

Amount of taxes committed to him for collection :

State, County, Town, School and Highway tax,	\$5,017 44
Non resident tax,	219 72
Uncollected taxes year 1895,	212 78
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	\$5,449 94

COLLECTOR EMERY'S DISCHARGE.

Paid Treasurer in cash,	\$5,212 38
Discount,	86 66
Abatements,	3 66
Uncollected taxes,	147 24
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	\$5,449 94
Paid Treasurer interest on taxes paid after December 1, 1896,	\$10 97

STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1897.

This day examined the foregoing account of Collector J. Fred Emery and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

R. M. SCAMMON, }
J. N. THOMPSON, } Auditors.

Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER LANE'S REPORT.

Balance from last year,	\$1,194 68
Received of H. H. Leavitt, old tax,	42 45
Collector J. Fred Emery, taxes,	5,223 35
Exeter Banking Co.,	500 00
Lovell Clapp, for cemetery lot,	15 00
S. M. Pearson, for bridge plank,	9 90
Frank Brewster, for old "hall fence,"	2 00
Railroad tax,	242 58
Savings bank tax,	957 20
Literary fund,	100 10
J. T. Smart, interest on note,	4 38
F. W. Severance farm, interest on taxes,	5 84
Dog licenses,	76 90
Geo. B. Wiggin, janitor of town hall,	9 25
Temperance Division, rent of hall,	5 00
	\$8,388 63

TREASURER LANE'S DISCHARGE.

Paid R. M. Scammon and Geo. A. Wiggin, Auditors,	\$6 00
J. C. A. Wingate, member of School Board,	5 00
S. M. Pearson, hen killed by dogs,	50
J. Fred Emery, services as Collector,	60 00
“ notifying dog owners,	10 00
John Templeton, printing town reports,	28 00
James Rollins, use of watering trough,	3 00
Fred. W. Severance, services as Supervisor,	6 00
Levi Barker, bounty on hawks,	1 75
“ hauling bridge lumber from Rock-	
ingham Junction,	3 00
“ distributing town reports,	2 00
Geo. H. Wiggin, bounty on hawks,	50

Paid M. G. Roberts, preparing town accounts for publication and distributing same, settling back taxes and other services after auditing,	\$8 50
Geo. H. Wiggin, services after auditing, and hauling lumber,	4 00
Fred Caverly, services as Constable,	1 00
James Piper, for lumber, hooks and screws for hall,	1 00
“ “ for labor,	50
Geo. W. Dixon, interest on note,	20 00
Chas. W. Jones, abatement,	22 40
Mrs. Veasey, land for widening road,	5 00
Geo. A. Wiggin, for school supplies,	45 89
Selina Severance, abatement,	5 60
Christian Society, abatement as per vote of the town,	7 00
John O. Wiggin, surveying lumber,	1 50
W. E. Drake, for tuning piano in hall,	2 50
Joshua J. Lane, abatement,	5 60
J. Fred Emery, expense attending sale of F. W. Severance farm for taxes,	4 30
Freeman Smith, bounty on hawks,	1 00
Exeter Banking Co.,	504 17
Frank Brewster, building hall fence and furnishing lumber for the same,	85 00
Augustus Young, coppering hall gutters,	158 00
F. W. Severance, services as Supervisor,	18 00
County tax,	1,270 56
E. C. Eastman, license blanks,	1 10
Geo. A. Wiggin, repairs on school house,	74 84
H. J. Willey, decorating soldiers' graves,	11 80
Geo. A. Wiggin, school supplies,	15 94
E. A. Hanson, for painting town hall,	75 00
Frank Brewster, labor and stock on town hall, and trees around town hall yard,	33 46
L. G. Otis, setting foundation for cemetery fence,	23 00
Walter B. Grant, building cemetery fence,	104 95
Geo. A. Wiggin, school supplies and grading Division 1 school yard,	27 20

Paid Geo. A. Wiggin, for insurance and school house repairs,	\$60 00
State tax,	1,205 00
Election Inspectors,	12 00
W. G. Parkman, Supervisor 3 meetings,	18 00
H. J. Willey, labor in cemetery,	7 75
Edson C. Eastman, for blanks,	83
O. A. Fleming, coffin and box for L. F. Rice,	18 00
John Templeton, for printing check lists,	3 50
A. B. Smith, bounty on hawk,	25
C. H. Calkin, repairing slate on hall,	5 50
Geo. A. Wiggin, repairs on school houses,	37 73
M. G. Roberts, hauling bridge lumber,	3 00
Harry Smith, use of watering trough,	3 00
A. H. Otis, work on cemetery,	2 25
Geo. A. Wiggin, services as School Trustee,	49 00
“ school house repairs and supplies,	21 98
“ express and advertising,	1 51
James Piper, for cash paid for license on dog when not in his possession,	5 00
James Piper, services as Supervisor, spring and fall, '96,	12 00
James Piper, 1 1-2 cords pine wood delivered at town hall,	4 50
John O. Wiggin, 2 days cutting bushes on highway,	3 00
Heirs of Charles Lane, use of watering trough,	3 00
J. W. Odell, M. D., vaccinating school children,	9 50
Herbert S. Barnard, services as member of School Board,	24 75
Geo. W. Dixon, damage to sheep by dogs,	3 00
“ use of watering trough,	3 00
J. N. Thompson, 1 1 2-3 rods stone wall,	17 50
James Piper and J. J. Scammon, services as Auditors for school district,	2 00
R. M. Scammon and John N. Thompson, services as Auditors for town,	4 00
Fred. A. Caverly, services as Library Trustee,	12 49

Paid Fred. A. Caverly, library supplies,	\$18 03
J. T. Smart, services as Selectman,	33 09
M. G. Roberts, " "	56 50
Emmons B. Chase, " "	35 50
Albert C. Lane, services as Town Clerk and Treasurer,	50 00
" School Clerk and Treasurer,	10 00
" recording petitions,	2 21
" oil and supplies for hall,	5 38
" postage and writing material,	1 23
" Justice work,	2 00
" dinner for town officers, 2 elections,	2 00
" receiving and recording vital statistics,	3 45
" supplying information and returning,	1 50
" 3 tons coal for town hall,	18 79
" services as Librarian and rent of book room for 1896,	18 00
" expense attending dog licenses,	2 00
Fellows & Son, bridge lumber,	102 48
Harry Smith, labor on highway,	4 22
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	\$4,583 98

HIGHWAY AGENTS' BILLS.

Paid Charles J. Brewster, Road Agent,	\$489 63
Horace Willey, " "	511 13
Loren H. Thompson, " "	459 54
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	\$1,460 30

SCHOOLS.

Paid Albert C. Lane, School Treasurer, for benefit of schools,	\$1,377 50
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COUNTY POOR.

Paid J. T. Smart, rent for Hiram Beals,	\$5 00
J. C. Piper, 1 cord wood for " "	3 00
A. C. Lane, groceries delivered for " "	10 00
" " C. A. Mason,	104 00
A. C. Lane, groceries delivered C. A. Mason from January 1 to February 8,	12 00
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	\$134 00

STRATHAM CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

Paid R. M. Scammon and Fred. A. Caverly, on account
of Library fund, \$72 30

COPYING SECOND BOOK OF RECORDS.

Paid E. B. Wiggin for copying, \$125 00
R. M. Scammon for paper for copying, 3 50
" services as Committee, three
meetings, 2 25
Town Clerk, services as Committee, 2 25
" proof reading records, 3 75
E. A. Wiggin, assisting proof reading, 3 75

\$140 50

RECAPITULATION,

Cash received by the Treasurer, \$8,388 63
Paid outstanding demands and sundry ex-
penses, \$4,583 98
Highways, 1,460 30
Schools, 1,377 50
County Poor, 134 00
Library, 72 30
Records, 140 50
Balance, 620 05

\$8,388 63

AUDITORS' REPORT.

STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1897.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer Albert C. Lane, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance in his hands of six hundred and twenty dollars and five cents.

R. M. SCAMMON, }
J. N. THOMPSON, } Auditors.

NOTE.—Of the balance in hand, fifty-two dollars eighty-seven cents is in the Receiver's hands of the Exeter National Bank.

ALBERT C. LANE, Treasurer,

Reports of Highway Agents.

HIGHWAY AGENT, C. J. BREWSTER, BREAKING ROADS AFTER AUDITING,
1896.

Paid Chas. J. Brewster,	46 hours at .20,	\$9 20
Geo. R. Brewster,	18 1-2 " .40,	7 40
" " man,	86 " .15,	5 40
Sylvester Dame, with team,	5 " .35,	1 75
" " man,	15 " .15,	2 25
Hiram Chase, with team,	3 " .40,	1 20
" " man,	21 " .15,	3 15
James Chase, with team,	6 " .40,	2 40
B. J. Jenness,	26 1-2 " .15,	3 98
John Day,	6 1-2 " .15,	98
Howard Wiggin,	8 " .15,	1 20
Chas. Wiggin,	9 " .15,	1 35
Geo. W. Parkman,	24 1-2 " .15,	3 68
Herbert Wiggin, with team,	5 " .40,	2 00
John S. Scammon,	9 " .15,	1 35
" " horse,	2 " .10,	20
Geo. H. Bowley, with team,	13 1-2 " .40,	5 40
" " man,	16 " .15,	2 40
Fred Wentworth,	6 " .15,	90
C. N. Healey,	10 " .15,	1 50
Benaiah Wiggin,	3 1-2 " .15,	52
Albert Batchelder,	3 1-2 " .15,	52
William Dining,	6 " .15,	90
Chas. Dining,	10 " .15,	1 50
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		\$61 13

SUMMER WORK, 1896.

Paid C. J. Brewster,	254 hours at .20,	\$50 80
" horse and cart,	234 " .15,	35 10
Geo. R. Brewster, team,	120 " .40,	48 00

Paid Geo. R. Brewster, drawing bridge plank,			\$5 00
J. S. Scammon,	215 hours at .15,		32 25
“ horse,	217 “ .10,		21 70
Geo. W. Bowley, laying stone,	80 “ .20,		16 00
“ shoveling gravel,	27 “ .15,		4 05
Benaiah Wiggin, laying stone,	80 “ .25,		20 00
William Wentworth,	185 “ .15,		27 75
Geo. H. Bowley, with team,	40 “ .40,		16 00
James Barry,	140 “ .15,		21 00
John S. Brewster,	7 “ .15,		1 05
James Chase, with team,	20 “ .40,		8 00
Hiram Chase, with team,	23 “ .40,		9 20
Chas. Grant,	34 “ .15,		5 10
Frank Rundlett,	20 “ .15,		3 00
Sylvester Dame, with team,	40 “ .40,		16 00
J. N. Thompson, with team,	2 1-2 “ .40,		1 00
J. Fred Emery, stone for bridge,			4 00
Geo. H. Dean, 312 ft. oak posts,			4 68
L. G. Otis, sawing posts,			1 25
Spikes and nails,			89

\$351 82

BREAKING ROADS, 1897.

Paid C. J. Brewster, breaking roads,	17 hours at .20,		\$3 40
“ with horse,	8 “ .10,		80
William Wentworth, breaking roads,	17 1-2 “ .15,		2 63
Frank H. Brewster,	13 “ .15,		1 95
John Day,	40 “ .15,		6 00
Charles Grant,	14 “ .15,		2 10
Otis W. Tuttle,	5 1-2 “ .15,		83
Geo. R. Brewster, with team,	10 “ .40,		4 00
“ “ man,	20 “ .15,		3 00
Frank Rundlett, breaking roads,	6 “ .15,		90
J. F. Smart,	23 “ .15,		3 45
Charles E. Wiggin,	23 “ .15,		3 45
Geo. H. Wiggin, with horses,	4 “ .20,		80
“ man,	4 “ .15,		60

Paid James Chase, with team,	9 hours at 40,	\$3 60
" man,	19 " .15,	2 85
Sewell Jenness, breaking roads,	28 " .15,	4 20
Hiram Chase, with team,	9 " .40,	3 60
" man,	19 " .15,	2 85
Alonzo Beal, breaking roads,	4 " .15,	60
William Lang, " "	3 1-2 " .15,	53
Geo. Parkman, " "	15 " .15,	2 25
William Lane, " "	25 " .15,	3 75
Jesse Merrill, " "	20 1-2 " .15,	3 08
Uri Lane, " "	8 " .15,	1 20
Geo. W. Bowley, " "	16 " .15,	2 45
Charlie Dining, " "	8 " .15,	1 20
Geo. H. Bowley, " "	16 1-2 " .15,	2 48
William Dining, " "	9 " .15,	1 35
John S. Scammon, " "	26 " .15,	3 90
" " with horse,	4 " .10,	40
Thomas Morris, breaking roads,	8 1-2 " .15,	1 28
Leslie Dining, " "	8 " .15,	1 20
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		\$76 68
Less unworked tax,		2 21
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		\$74 47

L. H. THOMPSON, BREAKING ROADS.

DR.

Received from Treasurer, \$49 53

CR.

Paid L. H. Thompson,	23 hours at .20,	\$4 60
" " team, 7	1-2 " .40,	3 00
A. H. Otis, team,	10 " .40,	4 00
A. A. Haven,	9 " .40,	3 60
Henry Jewell,	2 1-2 " .40,	1 00
" " man,	5 " .20,	1 00
Geo. Pratt,	25 " .15,	3 75
Jerry Jones,	14 " .15,	2 10

Paid Lewis Barnaby,	19	hours at .15,	\$2 85
" " horse,	5	" .10,	50
W. J. Andrews,	15	" .15,	2 25
E. Cooper,	13	" .15,	1 95
James Snell,	9	" .15,	1 35
M. B. Hanley,	5	" .15,	75
Fred Hodgdon,	5	" .15,	75
C. E. Pickering,	2	" .15,	30
Geo. Kelley,	6	" .15,	90
Geo. A. Wiggin,	9	" .15,	1 35
F. P. Harvey,	26	" .20,	5 20
I. S. Wiggin,	3 1-2	" .15,	50
Geo. M. Hall, team,	5	" .40,	2 00
" "	16	" .20,	3 20
Michael Spurr,	5	" .15,	75
Stewart Spurr,	6	" .15,	90
J. Beals,	6 1-2	" .15,	98
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			\$49 53

L. H. THOMPSON, LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

DR.

Received from Treasurer, \$410 01

CR.

Paid L. H. Thompson,	181 1-2	hours at .20,	\$36 30
" " team,	133	" .40,	53 20
" " "	40	" .25,	10 00
" " man,	16	" .15,	2 40
A. A. Haven, team,	124	" .40,	49 60
A. H. Otis, team,	145	" .40,	58 00
G. M. Hall, team,	50	" .40,	20 00
Geo. Chase, team,	10	" .40,	4 00
" " man,	10	" .15,	1 50
Geo. A. Wiggin, to hauling 65 loads of gravel at 40c.			
per load,			26 00
I. S. Wiggin, 50 posts at 10c. and 5 poles at 25c.,			6 25
Geo. Odell,			20 28

Paid for one road plow,			\$2 10
Three shovels,			80
Two pounds of powder,			30
Spikes and nails,			25
Pick handle,			40
Iron rake, blacksmith work, James Hackett,			1 20
Lewis Barnaby, 179 hours at 15c.,			26 85
E. C. Pickering, 10 " "			1 50
C. Kelly, 5 " "			75
Geo. Pratt, 157 " "			23 55
Joe. Beaulieu, 78 " "			11 70
B. F. Witham, 293 " "			43 95
James Snell, 8 " "			1 20
Walter J. Andrews, team, 20 hours at 40c.,			8 00
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			\$410 08
Balance due agent,			07
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			\$410 01

REPORT OF H. J. WILLEY.

Received of Town Treasurer, \$435 49

Bills paid in Winter of 1895 and Spring of 1896 for washouts in roads and bridges and for snow paths :

Paid Geo. A. Tuck,	23 hours at .15,	\$3 45
H. J. Willey,	28 " .20,	5 60
Charles Grant, Jr.,	4 1-2 " .15,	68
A. H. Thompson,	3 " .15,	45
C. W. Scott,	3 1-2 " .15,	53
Fred L. Jewell,		3 84
E. B. Brown,	9 " .40,	3 63
J. W. Marsh,	29 " .15,	4 35
H. J. Willey,	11 " .20,	2 20
A. E. Jewell,	5 " .35,	1 75
A. H. Cragg,	" .40,	4 50
D. C. Chapman,	3 " .40,	1 20
B. F. Witham,	15 1-2 " .15,	2 33

Paid H. J. Willey,	34 hours at .20,	\$6 80
Harry V. Smith,		4 22

Summer on the road.

Paid C. H. Thompson,	35 hours at .40,	\$14 00
To man,	45 " .15,	6 75
C. H. Thompson,	62 1-2 " .40,	25 00
To man,	35 " .15,	5 25
J. O. Wiggin,	115 " .15,	17 25
C. W. Scott,	66 " .15,	9 90
A. E. Jewell,	42 1-2 " .40,	13 00
To man,	28 " .15,	4 20
O. B. French,	35 " .15,	5 25
To team,	50 " .40,	20 00
Geo. W. Dixon,	6 " .15,	90
To team,	10 " .40,	4 00
Prescott Coburn,	15 " .15,	2 25
J. H. Fellows, lumber for bridge,		9 31
E. B. Jewell,		4 52
A. H. Cragg,		28 60
Ai Robinson, for work on Winnicut bridge,		13 30
L. W. Colbath,	30 hours at .15,	4 50
B. F. Witham,	150 " .15,	22 50
F. V. Chapman,	30 " .40,	12 00
Samuel L. Rand,	55 " .15,	8 25
A. J. Chapman,	70 " .15,	10 50
D. W. Chapman,	40 " .40,	16 00
Thomas Boardman,	34 " .15,	5 10
A. H. Thompson,	77 " .15,	10 05
J. T. Roby, self and horse,		10 35
Geo. F. Hodgdon,	10 " .15,	1 50
Geo. H. Odell, supplies,		4 63
H. J. Willey,	423 " .20,	84 60
" man,	60 " .15,	9 00
" horse and cart,	50 " .15,	7 50

 \$435 49

Snow paths for the Winter of 1896-7.

Paid A. H. Cragg,	18 hours at .40,	\$7 20
To man,	33 " .15,	4 95
J. E. Stockbridge,		9 73
J. C. Blaisdell,	4 " .15,	60
B. F. Witham,	10 " .15,	1 50
William Snell,	1 1-2 " .15,	23
Prescott Coburn,	16 " .15,	2 40
William Morse,	10 " .15,	1 50
Ai Robinson,	6 " .15,	90
A. H. Thompson,	42 " .15,	6 30
A. J. Chapman,	58 " .15,	8 70
To team,	10 " .40,	4 00
G. A. Thompson,	2 " .15,	30
To team,	20 " .40,	8 00
H. J. Willey,	27 " .20,	5 40
Mr. Hanley and son,	33 " .15,	4 95
Samuel Rand,	5 " .15,	75
Geo. B. Wiggin,	13 " .15,	1 95
Getchell & Taylor, drain pipe,		9 90
Chester Williams,	4 hours,	60
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		\$79 86

NOTE.

Work on bridges and culverts this season by me, viz.:

The Winnicut bridge has been built over new, costing	\$51 00
The bridge between Chapman Bros. and Willie Barker's was all built over at the cost of	12 00
A new pipe culvert at the residence of J. W. Marsh, at the cost of	10 00
The culvert of Ezra Barker and J. W. Marsh, built at the cost of	12 00
A new pipe culvert at the residence of Chapman Bros., at the cost of	13 00
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	\$98 00

Library Report.

The Library Trustees chosen in accordance with the Act of the Legislature of 1895, submit the following report:

At the beginning of the year we found already in possession of the town a library containing nominally 561 volumes. Of these, 116 volumes are so far worn as to be no longer of use; 34 volumes have been lost or not recovered from borrowers, leaving 411 volumes available for circulation.

During the year we have received from the State, in accordance with the Act of 1891, 106 volumes of a useful and substantial character. A list of these appears below.

From the annual appropriation by the town, 54 volumes have been purchased, consisting chiefly of recent fiction.

The library regulations, methods of classification, etc., arranged and recommended by the State Library Commission for use throughout the State, have been adopted for use here.

The location of the library has been continued in the store of Mr. A. C. Lane, who has given it every accommodation and attention circumstances permitted. The space here afforded is, however, extremely limited, and this fact, together with the prospective increase in number of books and other reasons, makes it desirable that a permanent and more commodious library room should be provided.

It is now the law and apparently the settled policy of the State to require towns to maintain free public libraries, and to enlarge them by annual appropriations. In this connection it may be stated that several of the proprietors of the Athenæum Library have assured your committee that that collection of books would also be turned over to the town whenever suitable accommodations were provided. The Athenæum contains about 500 volumes, and is at present stored in the Congregational parsonage.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Received annual appropriation from town,	\$72 30
Paid DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., for fifty-four volumes,	46 73
Balance in hands of Trustees,	\$25 57

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. GOWEN, } Library
 F. A. CAVERLY, } Trustees.
 R. M. SCAMMON, }

BOOKS PRESENTED BY THE STATE.

A1	American boy's handy book,	Beard
A2	American girl's handy book,	Beard
A3	Book of athletics,	Bingham
A4	Stories of art and artists,	Clement
A5	Practical floriculture,	Henderson
A6	Cycling for health and pleasure,	Porter
B1	Famous American authors,	Bolton
B2	Famous American statesmen,	"
B3	Famous men of science,	"
B4	Girls who became famous,	"
B5	Poor boys who became famous,	"
B6	Famous voyagers and explorers,	"
B7	Life and times of Frederick Douglass.	
B8	Autobiography,	B. Franklin
B9	American authors for young folks,	Harris
B10	Life of Samuel Adams,	Hosmer
B11	Children's stories of great scientists,	Wright
D1	Farm ballads,	Will Carleton
D2	Complete poetical works,	Longfellow
D3	Poems here at home,	Riley
D4	Stories and poems for children,	Thaxter
D5	Complete poetical works,	Whittier
1A	Standish of Standish,	Austin
1B	Lisbeth Wilson,	Blair

2B	The knight of liberty,	Butterworth
1C	Daughters of the revolution,	Coffin
1G	Jack Alden,	Goss
1H	Sevenoaks,	Holland
1I	Six girls, a home story,	Irving
1K	Between the lines,	King
1K1	Cadet days,	"
2K	Jungle book,	Kipling
1L	Five little peppers,	Lothrop
1S	Decatur and Somers,	Seawell
1S1	Paul Jones,	"
2S	Black Beauty,	Sewell
3S	On the old frontier,	Stoddard
1T	Honor bright,	Talbot
2T	The electrical boy,	Trowbridge
2T1	Three boys on an electrical boat,	"
3T	Neighbor Jackwood,	"
1W	A gentleman of France,	Weyman
2W	When Molly was six,	White
3W	Birds' christmas carol,	Wiggin
3W1	Marm Lisa,	"
H1	Blue Jackets of 1812,	Abbott
H2	Blue Jackets of '61,	"
H3	Ancient America,	Baldwin
H4	Story of the American Indian,	Brooks
H5	The boys of '76,	Coffin
H6	Drum beat of the nation,	"
H7	N. E. legends and folk lore,	Drake
H8	Famous adventures and prison escapes.	
H9	History of the United States,	Fiske
H10	War of independence,	"
H11	Brave little Holland,	Griffis
H12	My story of the war,	Livermore
H13	The story of Japan,	Murray
H14	Hero tales from American history,	Roosevelt
L1	Pushing to the front,	Marden
L2	Woman's work in America,	Meyer

N ₁	Electricity for everybody,	Atkinson
N ₂	Look-about club,	Bamford
N ₃	Birds and bees, etc.,	Burroughs
N ₄	The story of the stars,	Chambers
N ₅	Feathers, furs and fins,	Cheney
N ₆	The story of primitive,	Clodd
N ₇	According to season,	Dana
N ₈	Child's book of nature,	Hooker
N ₉	Experimental science,	Hopkins
N ₁₀	Bird ways,	Miller
N ₁₁	Underfoot,	Nichols
N ₁₂	The story of the earth,	Seeley
N ₁₃	Astronomy with an opera glass,	Serviss
N ₁₄	Domesticated animals,	Shaler
N ₁₅	Some first steps in human progress,	Starr
Ref.3	Scientific American cyclopedia,	Hopkins
S ₁	How the republic is governed,	Brooks
S ₂	How the other half lives,	Riis
T ₁	The new Eldorado,	Ballou
T ₂	Three gringos in Venezuela, etc.,	Davis
T ₃	Handbook of Arctic discoveries,	Greely
T ₄	The real chinaman,	Holcombe
T ₅	Round the globe,	M'Colleston
T ₆	A tramp trip,	Meriwether
T ₇	A truthful woman in Southern California,	Sanborn
T ₈	In scripture lands,	Wilson
T ₉	Actual Africa,	Vincent
U ₁	The nursery book,	Bailey
U ₂	A boy's workshop.	
U ₃	The business hen,	Collingwood
U ₄	How the farm pays,	Crozier & Henderson
U ₅	Poultry culture,	Felch
U ₆	American dairying,	Gurler
U ₇	Gardening for profit,	Henderson
U ₈	Veterinary adviser,	Law
U ₉	The family horse,	Martin
U ₁₀	The young housekeeper,	Parloa

U11	Success with small fruits,	Roe
U12	American highways,	Shaler
U13	The A B C of potato culture,	Terry
U14	Insects and insecticides,	Weed
U15	Fungi and fungicides,	"
U16	Spraying crops,	"

LIST OF BOOKS PURCHASED.

A7	Modern American rifles,	Gould
A8	The amateur photographer,	Wallace
4A	The desire of the eyes,	Allen
9B	A knight of the nets,	Barr
6B2	The city of refuge	Besant
3B4	A princess of Thule,	Black
9B	Little Lord Fauntleroy,	Burnett
10B	Century book for young America,	Brooks
11B	A rebellious heroine,	Bangs
7B1	Lorna Doone,	Blackmore
8C	Old creole days,	Cable
9C	The deemster,	Caine
7C1	His vanished star,	Craddock
7C2	Where the battle was fought,	"
10C	The gray man,	Crockett
4C1	Mr. Isaacs,	Crawford
10C2	Gleg Kelly, Arab of the city,	Crockett
10D	Gallegher and other stories,	Davis
11D	A study in scarlet,	Doyle
12D	Trilby,	DuMaurier
3F	The honorable Peter Stirling,	Ford
7G	Won under protest,	Gardnier
8G	The heavenly twins,	Grand
9G	That affair next door,	Green
14H	The Wizard,	Haggard
15H	The man without a country,	Hale
16H	Nights with Uncle Remus,	Harris
17H	Prisoner of Zenda,	Hope
17H1	Phroso,	"

14H1	Cleopatra,	Haggard
4I	Comedy in spasms,	Iota
3J	The spoils of Poynton,	James
2J2	The country of the pointed firs,	Jewett
1K3	A garrison tangle,	King
2K1	Second jungle book,	Kipling
5L	Tom Burke of "Ours,"	Lever
8M	Days of old lang syne,	Ian MacLaren
8M1	Beside the bonnie briar bush,	"
9M	A new note,	MacMahon
10M	Miss Ayr of Virginia,	Magruder
6P	Jack Ballister's fortunes,	Pyle
T33	My Arctic journal,	Peary
5R	The lady Maud,	Russell
5R1	The three-stranded yarn,	"
11S	Tom Grogan,	Smith
12S	King Noanett,	Stimson
9S1	Uncle Tom's cabin,	Stowe
11S	Adventures of Captain Horn,	Stockton
12S	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,	Stevenson
6S1	Quo vadis,	Sienkiewicz
3T1	Cudjo's cave,	Trowbridge
1W1	House of the wolf,	Weyman
8W	Pembroke,	Wilkins
7W1	St. Elmo,	Wilson

Town Warrant.

[L. S.]

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Stratham, on the second Tuesday of March next, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.
3. To see what action the Town will take in finishing off a room over the anterooms of the Town Hall, or furnish some other convenient place for the accommodation of the town library, and appropriate money for the same.
4. To hear the reports of Agents, Committees, or other officers heretofore chosen, or appointed, and pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

MARK G. ROBERTS, } Selectmen
JOSEPH T. SMART, } of
EMMONS B. CHASE, } Stratham.

A true copy,—Attest :

MARK G. ROBERTS, } Selectmen
JOSEPH T. SMART, } of
EMMONS B. CHASE, } Stratham.

Annual Report of the Board of Education

OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM.

ORGANIZATION.

GEORGE A. WIGGIN, Chairman.
HERBERT S. BARNARD, Secretary.
MRS. JOSEPHINE JEWELL.

CALENDAR.

Spring term, April 6 to June 12.
Fall term, August 31 to December 18.
Winter term, January 4 to March 12.

TEACHERS.

Division No. 1.

Miss Grace E. Gowen, of Stratham, N. H.

Division No. 2.

Miss Esther A. Bradley, of Cornish, Me.

Division No. 3.

Miss Ida M. Slack, of North Abington, Mass.

Division No. 4.

Miss Jennie L. Lamprey, of North Hampton, N. H.

DIVISION NO. 1.

The pupils of this division, under the leadership of Miss Grace E. Gowen, have found her always ready to "lend a hand" to forward any movement which would promote their moral or intellectual development, and it would have been a grievous fault of the scholars had they not profited by her well directed labors, and

kindly co-operated to make this school satisfactory to all interested. The written tests, which have been a feature of the year's work, are deserving of special mention—some of them evincing a thoroughness of the subject and neatness of penmanship seldom excelled in a common school.

DIVISION NO. 2.

Miss Bradley's work in the school room embodies many original and attractive ideas, rendering it interesting even to a casual observer.

She understands how to govern as well as to instruct, and to this fact is largely due the success she has attained as a teacher.

It is patent in the history of this school that the objectionable features, not long since obvious, have been eliminated one after another, and it has been easy to see the constant improvement going on under the efficient management of this skilful teacher.

DIVISION NO. 3.

Miss Slack is a born teacher, having a natural aptitude for the work, unbounded enthusiasm, and the happy power of imparting instruction.

She displays great tact in bringing all her pupils under the genial influence of their leader, and at all times secures their appreciative attention.

The pupils have remained keenly interested in their work throughout the year.

The commendation she has already received from the Board of Education, the respect and confidence of her pupils, and her continued popularity in the town, are evidence of a remarkably successful career as a teacher.

DIVISION NO. 4.

Miss Jennie L. Lamprey, of North Hampton, a graduate of Robinson Seminary and a teacher with two years' experience, is teaching a winter term in this division.

At a recent visit we found the school appearing well, but much too small for any teacher to put into practice the best pedagogical idea she may possess.

A majority of the children recite alone, and so lose that stimulus of competition with others which arouses them to increased activity and gives more rapid advancement.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In submitting for your consideration our annual report we would call attention to the fact that the management of ungraded schools is fraught with many difficulties.

It is doubtless true that better instruction can be given in well graded schools, where each teacher has but one class; but facts gleaned from some of our academies and seminaries go to show that in many instances the average country youth is in advance of the city pupil.

It is therefore with pleasure we note the increased interest developed, and the progress made in our ungraded schools during the past year.

That such progress has been made is due largely to the fact that we have been able to secure the services of the same experienced and skilful teachers for the whole year.

We heartily endorse them as being alive to their responsibility, and fully realizing the demands of the times. From this we would not be understood to say that everything in regard to our schools has been perfect, because in this age of progressive education, perfection is not attainable; but in general it may be said that efforts have been well directed and the results commendable.

In a leading educational journal recently was an article entitled, "Teachers must be Readers." Our experience has taught us the truth of this.

It is not enough in these days of advancement that a teacher once graduated from some seminary, normal school, or even college—there should be constant professional self improvement in order that the questions which continually arise in the school-room, relating to the current events of the time, may be intelligently explained to the pupils, and also that they may look upon their work broadly and comprehensively.

Perhaps the most unsatisfactory feature in the past year's work has been the failure of some having children in their charge to enforce regularity of attendance.

The school board can insist on an attendance of twelve weeks during the year, but beyond this they are powerless to act, and the responsibility then rests with the parents.

When we consider that a large per cent. of our population receive their entire education in our common schools, we realize the importance of constant attendance throughout the term.

Through the enterprise of teachers and pupils, supplemented by the parents, school libraries have been started and neat book cases placed in the school rooms of Divisions 2 and 3.

By this means much good reading has been placed within the reach of the scholars, giving them an acquaintance with different styles of writing and a knowledge of various authors.

At the expense of the town a new steel ceiling has been placed in Division 3, at a cost of a trifle more than new lathing and plastering would have required.

It would seem that something must be done in the near future in regard to the school house in Division 2. Either extensive repairs should be made on the old one, or else, what would perhaps be better, a new one be built in its stead.

The children in Division 4 were again conveyed to Division 1 during the spring and fall terms.

Teachers of ability command about the same price whether there be in the school eight or twenty-eight pupils, hence we think the economy in expenditure and the multiplication of educational privileges which arise by the consolidation of Division 4 with Division 1 cannot be over estimated.

We labor at a disadvantage in making our report this year, as the schools are to continue several weeks, so our "roll of honor" is incomplete, and we are unable to present the statistical report.

In conclusion we would express obligation to the teachers for the cordial manner in which they have assisted the Board of Education in its efforts to correct evils and introduce so far as practicable needed changes; and to the scholars for their courteous bearing towards us at all times.

GEORGE A. WIGGIN,

For Board of Education.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

SPRING TERM, APRIL 6 TO JUNE 12. DIVISION NO. 1.

A. Louise Berry, George W. Berry, Gertrude H. Coombs, John W. Cooper, Arthur B. Cushman, Lucy E. Gordon, Abbott U. Lane, George W. Nixon, Lena F. Pearson, Lottie G. Smart, Howard M. Wiggin, Marion A. Wiggin, Roy R. Wiggin.

DIVISION NO. 2.

Pearl Chase, Myrtle Edmunds, Lucy Rand, Sadie Rand, Carrie Rand, Mary Rand, Russell Chase, Bryant Leavitt, Arnold Leavitt, Edward Robinson.

DIVISION NO. 3.

Maud E. Chapman, Bertha E. Gowen, Cora K. Jewell, Flossie P. Kelly, M. Evelyn Thompson, Horace W. Cragg, Geo. E. Chapman, Russell P. Chapman, Warren D. Chapman, R. Howard Gowen, Bennie F. Gowen, Ralph L. Jewell, Charlie E. Jewell, Johnnie Piper.

FALL TERM, AUGUST 31 TO DECEMBER 18. DIVISION 1.

George Berry, Gertrude H. Coombs, Arthur B. Cushman, Lucy E. Gordon, Abbott U. Lane, Caroline A. Lane, Ralph D. Parkman, Norman Tuttle, Howard M. Wiggin, Marion A. Wiggin, Roy R. Wiggin.

DIVISION NO. 2.

Eddie Cragg, Bryant Leavitt, Rosalie Littlefield, Sadie Rand, Carrie Rand, Edward Robinson.

DIVISION NO. 3.

Bertha E. Gowen, Flossie P. Kelly, Carrie A. Chapman, M. Evelyn Thompson, Hattie M. Witham, Ruth G. Smith, Charlie H. Cragg, Horace W. Cragg, Russell P. Chapman, Warren D. Chapman, Charlie E. Jewell, Mark F. Piper, Johnnie Piper, Eddie J. Piper, Earle R. Stockbridge, Thomas A. Smith.

TEXT BOOKS USED.

New Normal Reader, Buckwalter's Speller, Business Standard Copy Book, Greenleaf's Arithmetic, Harper's Geography, Barnes's History, Raub's Grammar, Smith's Physiology, Robinson's Algebra, Bartholomew's Drawing,

In compliance with a vote passed at our last annual school meeting, I herewith submit an itemized account of expenditures up to time of auditing:

EXPENSES ITEMIZED.

Paid Miss Gowen, for teaching,	\$234 00
Miss Bradley, "	260 00
Miss Slack, "	276 00
Mr. Barrett, conveying children,	124 00
Janitors for all schools,	19 50
E. E. Babb & Co., for supplies,	55 02
J. H. Batchelder, "	7 63
King & Co., "	1 71
Getchell & Taylor, "	2 30
Gardner & Hilliard, "	1 50
Cotton & Rider, "	2 80
Margeson Furniture Co.,	4 00
G. H. Odell,	2 50
Express on supplies,	1 79
Mrs. Dining, cleaning schoolhouse, Division 4,	3 00
" " " " " 1 and 3,	8 00
Mrs. Kelley, " " 2,	3 00
H. H. Otis, for grading in Division 1,	8 25
Insurance premium, Division 4,	13 00
Gazette Printing Co.,	1 50
G. A. Wiggin, wood for Division 2,	16 37
James C. Piper, wood,	60 24
C. H. Thompson, wood,	11 50
G. Duntley, repairs on blackboard,	6 50
F. P. Harvey, repairs,	5 75
H. H. Leavitt, repairs,	43 73
Benaiah Wiggin, repairs,	13 00
T. E. Call & Co., lumber for repairs,	11 27
W. L. Wedger, steel ceiling,	44 69
Freight bills,	1 55
G. A. Wiggin, going to Div. 3 three times on account of steel ceiling,	1 50
G. A. Wiggin, fare to Boston and return to purchase steel ceiling,	2 80
G. A. Wiggin, one day in Boston,	2 00
G. A. Wiggin, to Portsmouth for lumber,	1 00
G. A. Wiggin, Div. 1, on account of repairs,	75
G. A. Wiggin, Divs. 2 and 3, and B. Wiggin's and Barnard's,	75
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	\$1,252 90

GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

Stratham, Feb. 15, 1897.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15th, 1897.

REPORT OF TREASURER ALBERT C. LANE.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Balance on hand from last year,	\$51 36
School money raised by town,	1,205 00
Income from literary fund,	100 10
“ dog license,	72 40
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	\$1,428 86

TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

April 4,	Paid C. H. Thompson for 2 cords hard wood,	\$11 50
Dec. 22,	James C. Piper for wood for Divisions 1, 3, 4,	40 00
June 9,	Geo. A. Wiggin for benefit of schools,	346 50
Dec. 17,	Geo. A. Wiggin for benefit of schools,	567 00
Oct. 1,	Geo. A. Wiggin for 2 1-2 cords hard wood and 1 cord pine wood,	16 37
Feb. 15,	James Piper for wood for schools,	20 24
15,	Balance on hand,	427 25
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		\$1,428 86

AUDITORS' REPORT.

STRATHAM, N. H., Feb. 15, 1897.

We have this day examined the foregoing accounts of Treasurer Albert C. Lane, and find them rightly cast and properly vouched, and a balance in his hands of four hundred twenty-seven 25-100 dollars.

JAMES C. PIPER, }
J. J. SCAMMON, } Auditors.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still- born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Feb. 3	Harold,	M	5	L	George H. Odell,	Lillie F. Perkins,	Stratham,	Nahant, Mass.
Feb. 5, 1895	Nellie G.,	F	7	"	Asa J. Chapman,	Martha E. Chase,	Stratham,	Augusta, Me.
March 14	Beulah,	"	"	"	Fred N. Edmunds,	Jennie Bain,	Chichester,	Yarmouth, N. S.
March 10	Violet,	"	7	"	William Nixon,	Sarah E. Platt,	Ireland,	Ireland.
April 14	Gladys,	"	"	"	Herbert A. Thompson,	Mabel Thurston,	Stratham,	Stratham,
May 4	Helen F.,	F	2	"	George A. Tuck,	Effie A. Chapman,	Parsonfield, Me.,	Nova Scotia.
June 5	James,	M	3	"	Walter J. Andrews,	Jennie Patterson,	Stratham,	Kensington.
July 20	Vera Mabel,	F	2	"	Frank L. Tuttle,	Anna L. Tuck,	Stratham,	Augusta, Me.
August 10	John C.,	M	8	"	Asa J. Chapman,	Martha E. Chase,	Stratham,	Stratham.
October 27	Myra J.,	F	1	"	Henry L. Jewell,	Josephine Roby,	Stratham,	Stratham.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Conditions.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Mar. 25	Stratham,	William H. Snell, Sarah E. Taylor,	71 71	W "	New Albany, NS Lee,	Joseph Snell, Rebecca Marshall, Thomas Randall, Mary Loughton, Mark F. Young,	3d, 2d,	Irving W. Coombs, Clergyman.
May 1	Greenland,	Noah P. Young, Mabel Robinson,	42 18	" "	Stratham, Stratham,	Olive Piper, Al J. Robinson, Jennie Smart, Hosea Q. Tuttle, Ida E. Taylor, William Wentworth, Melissa Heath,	1st, "	Edward Robie, Clergyman.
May 12	Stratham,	Nester W. Tuttle, Nellie A. Wentworth,	23 18	" "	Nottingham, Stratham,	John Johnson, Sissa Olson, John Bagstran, Johana Bagson, Lawrence G. Otis, Frances Horne, James H. Hayden, Lydia A. Ramsdell, Benaiah Wiggim,	1st, "	J. H. Mugridge, Clergyman.
Sept. 12	Stratham,	John Johnson, Alma Bagstran,	30 26	" "	Sweden, Sweden,	John Johnson, Sissa Olson, John Bagstran, Johana Bagson, Lawrence G. Otis, Frances Horne, James H. Hayden, Lydia A. Ramsdell, Benaiah Wiggim,	1st, "	Irving W. Coombs, Clergyman.
Dec. 29	Newfields,	Fred G. Otis, Cora B. Hayden,	24 22	" "	Newmarket, Newfields,	John Johnson, Sissa Olson, John Bagstran, Johana Bagson, Lawrence G. Otis, Frances Horne, James H. Hayden, Lydia A. Ramsdell, Benaiah Wiggim,	1st, "	A. B. Rowell, Justice of the Peace.
Dec. 30	Stratham,	George H. Wiggim, Margie P. Green,	32 25	" "	Stratham, Exeter,	Jennie M. Wiggim, George W. Green, Emily A. Prescott,	1st, "	Alexander P. Bourne, Clergyman.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1896.

Date 1896.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Jan. 31	Elizabeth L. Rice,	32	9	6	Salmon Falls,	F	W	M	William A. Ham,	Melinda.
Feb. 6	Mary E. Emery,	58	9	6	England,	"	"	"	Samuel Brewster,	Eleanor Pottle.
July 26	Esther Livingston,	60	2	4	Nantucket, Ms.,	"	"	S		
Sept. 9	Harvey C. Gifford,	64	2	8	Boston, Mass.,	M	"	W	George Gifford,	Eliza Jenkins.
Oct. 10	Susan C. Ayers,	70	7	8	Stratham,	F	"	S	Benjamin Stowers,	Lydia Russel.
Oct. 17	Lena O. Scammon,	3	10	14	Stratham,	"	"	"	John S. Scammon,	Lilla B. Brewster.
Nov. 4	Levi Barker,	55	9	12	Stratham,	M	"	M	George Barker,	Mary C. Piper.

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